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## PRESS RELEASE

### Over 6,500 Primary Teachers Complete US ICT Innovation course

A training program introducing some of the most up-to-date teaching methods used in the United States and Europe has been successfully completed by 6,653 primary school teachers from 322 schools throughout the Republic of Macedonia. The program, "Innovative Use of ICT," focused on how to use computers to teach in primary school. Conducted over the last 18 months, the training program was sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), which is part of the U.S. Mission to Macedonia.

"Teachers help ensure their students can compete in the modern world. They play a critical role in bringing about positive change and in preparing today's students to be tomorrow's leaders," said US Ambassador Gillian Milovanovic.

Teachers learned to use project-based methods, through which students are assigned projects that involve the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, Paint, PowerPoint, Publisher and Front Page applications, as well as the Internet and blogs.

In addition, teachers learned how to use computers to prepare lesson plans, develop innovative lessons, and communicate with other colleagues and educational institutions via the educational web portal [www.schools.edu.mk](http://www.schools.edu.mk). They learned how to find, evaluate and use free educational software available on the Internet.

#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested more than \$450 million in Macedonia since 1993. More than 25 projects worth \$25 million a year are currently being implemented. These projects are designed to support Macedonia's transition to a free market-based, multi-ethnic democracy. They include initiatives to accelerate economic growth, develop democratic institutions, and educate citizens for a modern economy. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>